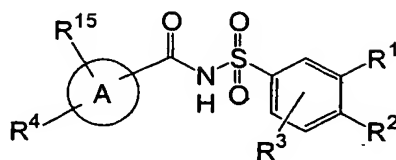


Abstract

N-Benzoyl arylsulfonamides having the formula



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are BCL-XI inhibitors and are useful for promoting apoptosis. Also disclosed are BCL-XI inhibiting compositions and methods of promoting apoptosis in a mammal.